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Sven Anderson, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden on arrival in New Delhi with External Affairs Minister Y. B. Chavan (right) and information minister V. C. Shukla (left).

Nuclear aid may be resumed

New Delhi, Mar 16 (UNI): India and Canada have reached "broad agreement on some of the important issues" relating to the resumption of the Canadian nuclear assistance for the Rajasthan atomic power plant.

According to informed sources, a five-day official level talks concluded in an "atmosphere of mutual understanding and friendship."

Canada suspended assistance following India's May 1974 nuclear explosion for peaceful purposes.

Canada wishes to impose provisions for international inspection of the entire Indian nuclear development programme.

India has on several occasions and in various international forums duclared that its nuclear programme was geared only to peaceful developmental purposes.

Ever since the Canadian suspension of nuclear equipment, India has successfully produced equipment within the country without any outside assistance.

Major components like reactor pressure vessel, end shields, thermal shield plates, steam generators and the fuelling machine heads for Candu type power reactors have been fabricated at the Rajasthan and Kalpakam atomic power stations. This has been done by the Indian Atomic Energy Department consistent with India's policy to continue its nuclear development programme uninterrupted and without any dependence on outside sources of supply.

The Indian delegation was led by Foreign Secretary Kewal Singh and the Canadian by Ivan Head, political advisor to the Canadian Prime Minister.

Gujral Moscow Envoy

New Delhi, March 16 (UNI): Inder Kumar Gujral, Minister of State for Planning, has been appointed India's Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Mr. Gujral, who will have ministerial status, is expected to take up his Moscow assignment shortly.

The office of Ambassador in Moscow had been lying vacant since the death of D.P. Dhar on June 12, 1975.

Mr. Gujral has been Minister of State in the Planning Ministry since June 1975. He had previously held independent charge of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

Gujarat Government Falls

NEW DELHI, March 15-The last state government in India run by elected political opponents of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi fell today when it lost its majority in the Gujarat state assemby.

The collapse of Gujarat's coalition government was a major political victory for Mrs. Gandhi, who in January labelled Gujarat and the southern state of Tamil-Nadu India's "islands of indiscipline."

Mrs. Gandhi's victory in Gujarat came six weeks after her government took over the Tamil Nadu administration by dis-solving the state assembly, imposing federal control and jailing thousands of political opponents.

The demise of Gujarat's governing coalition, known as the Janata Peoples's Front, came when a group of independents defected to Mrs. Gandhi's Congress party to defeat the coalition 89 to 87 in a test vote of strength. (A.P).

Lal and Mehta Unopposed

New Delhi, Mar 17(UNI): Defence Minister Bansi Lal, Minister of State for Home Affairs Om Mehta, West Bengal Finance Minister Shankar Ghosh and All India Congress Committee General Secretary Purabi Mukherjee are assured of victory in the biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House of Parliament).

When the deadline for filing of nominations expired March 10, 105 candidates had filed their nominations for 69 seats of Rajya Sabha due to fall vacant on April 2 following retirement of the members.

Of them, 20 contestants are expected to be declared elected after the scrutiny of nomination papers. They include Bansi Lal, the lone candidate from the Haryana assembly constituency, Om Mehta, one of the two unopposed candidates from Jammu and Kashmir and Shankar Ghosh and Mrs. Purabi Mukherjee, two of the five unopposed candidates from West Bengal.

Among others expected to be declared elected after the scrutiny of nominations are Jana Sangh President L.K. Advani, CPI (Communist Party of India) leader Bupesh Gupta, former Deputy Defence Minister M.R. Krishna and former Andhra Pradesh Minister V.B. Raju, all sitting members.

Surplus Railway Budget

New Delhi, Mar 17(UNI): The Railway budget for 1976-77 prsented to the Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament) proposes freight adjustments on a wide range of goods other than essential articles of mass consumption to yield an additional Rs 873.5 million.

Railway Minister Kamalapati Tripathi, who presented the budget, has left passenger fares untouchd for the second consecutive year.

Taking into account the additional revenue from the proposed freight increases, Mr. Tripathi anticipates a surplus of Rs 89.8 million in the next financial year against the deficit of Rs 628.1 million in the revised estimates for the current year.

Taxes reduced

New Delhi, March 18 The 1976-77 budget presented by Finance Minister C.Subramaniam has reduced the maximum rate of taxation to 66 per cent from 75 per cent. The budget has allocated record expenditures for agriculture, energy, fertilizers and steel. The increased outlay of 31.6 percent to about 9 billion dollars for the current year of the Third Five Year Plan is a record in development expenditure in India. Flood control projects and irrigation received $800 million. Compulsory savings will continue for another year. The government is determined to hold price leves down.

Indians are "Whites" in the U.S.

by Jane Tweddle

In the U.S.A. people of East Indian origin are considered "whites". Because of this, Indian people are not eligible for minority considerations in affirmative action programs.

The reasoning behind this is, the Federal Interagency Commission-an ethnic and racial committee, lists Americans under 5 categories: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black/Negro, Caucasion OR White, and Hispanic. The white category includes people whose ancestry traces to Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Indian Sub continent.

Anthropoligicly, however, many Indian Immigrants cannot be classed as caucasian, despite the fact that they share a common culture and ethnic identity to the Indians that can pass as caucasian. Many feel they face discrimination according to the lightness of their skin.

Before the people of Indian Origin can be considered a minority group, the Indians must show that there are substantial numbers of them residing in the U.S. They could claim language disabilites or state they are in an economically depressed state, however, it is argued that most Indians speak English very well and their average income is higher than that of the Americans. The only option therefore is to prove statistically their great numbers.

At this time Indian Immigrants are placed under the category "others" by the Census bureau. This inhibits the estimation of the number of Indians in America as they are lost under the Asian, American Indian, and Black classifications.

Charan Singh Released

New Delhi, Mar 16(UNI): Bharatia Lok Dal Chairman Charan Singh, who was arrested in the wake of emergency, was released from detention according to official sources.

Charan Singh is one of the top opposition leaders to be freed since the revoking of the detention order against Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan on December 4 last.

Admiral Jal Cursetji [right] took over as Chief of the Naval Staff on March 1 from Admiral S. N. Kohli [left] who retired.

No need to alter constitution

New Delhi, March 15 (UNI): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has said that she does not think there is any need to alter the Indian Constitution as it is "fairly well-balanced."

In a television program for the youth here, Mrs. Gandhi said there had to be amendments to the Constitution because nobody could foresee all the eventualities which would arise.

"I think that it is up to Parliament to see that the Constitution does not block any major social or economic reforms," she said.

Asked what she felt about politics being defined as a "struggle for power", Mrs. Gandhi said unfortunately, to a large extend it was that. But having been brought up in a different atmosphere, to her politics meant working for the freedom of every individual to develop his capacities to the full and bringing a better life to the people.

Mrs. Gandhi hoped that the present press censorship and some other curbs on democracy were "temporary measures" but it was difficult to understand the attitude of those western countries which criticised these measures.

Referring to Family Planning, the Prime Minister said she feels that compulsory sterilisation for a person having two children is "a bit drastic" measure. Some States were thinking on these lines. "I think it is a bit drastic. I think all avenues should be explored."

Congress body on constitutional reforms

New Delhi, March 12 (UNI): Congress President Dev Kant Borooah has appointed a 10-member committee to study and suggest amendments to the Indian Constitution.

The Committee, headed by former Defence Minister Swaran Singh, has been asked to submit its report (containing the draft amendments) to Mr. Borooah within two months.

According to a party press release, other members of the committee are: A. R. Antulay (Secretary) Siddhartha Shanker Ray, Rajni Patel, H. R. Gokhale, Dr. V. A. Seyid Muhammad, V. N. Gadgil, C. M. Stephen, D. P. Singh and D. C. Goswamy.

Mr. Gokhale, Dr. Seyid Mohammed and V. N. Gadgil are Central Ministers. Mr. Stephen is the Deputy Leader of the Congress Parliamentary Party. All 10 members are lawyers by training.

Food production exceeds 114 million

Trivandrum, March 11 (UNI): India's food production is expected to exceed the target of 114 million tonnes this year, according to Union Minister for Agriculture A.P. Shinde.

The Government so far had procured 4.4 million tonnes of foodgrains as against 2.4 million during the corresponding period of last year, he told newsmen here.

The Minister ruled out review of the food policy at least for another year despite a record crop.

Claiming that the country was heading towards self-sufficiency in food, Mr. Shinde hinted at the possibility of a reduction in the prices of agricultural inputs. He said the prices of foodgrains had come down by 13.3 percent compared to the prices last year.

Meanwhile, India has entered into an agreement with Britain for the supply 50,400 tonnes of British foodgrain to India.

Curb police: States asked

New Delhi, March 15 (UNI): The Union Government has urged the State Governments to ensure that the police eschewed needless violence and improved their image with the public.

In a communication to the Chief Ministers, Union Home Minister K. Brahmananda Reddy said: "Gone are the days when the authorities could turn a blind eye to the lapses of the police in their day-today functioning. The habit of colonial days when the police beat up innocent citizens without rhyme or reason is also no more."

The Home Minister's communication has stemmed from the concern expressed by the Prime Minister on the basis of her observation during her recent tour of some of the States.

Mr. Reddy has asked the Chief Ministers, among other things, to instruct the Superintendents of police and other supervisory officers to ensure that the police under their command behaved in a human manner.

He also wanted that complaints of the public against police excesses should be dealt with firmly and with a heavy hand and exemplary punishment awarded promptly to the guilty.

Coal production up

New Delhi, March 12 (UNI): India's coal production target for 1976-77 has been fixed at 108 million tonnes, according to Energy Minister K. C. Pant.

Production during the first 11 months of the current financial year ws 89.48 million tonnes, he told the Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry here.

By the end of the current financial year, it would reach 99 million tonnes - one million tonnes more than the targetted production of 98 million tonnes.

Saxbe for investment in India

Bombay, March 15 (UNI): United States Ambassador to India William Saxbe has observed that "responsible foreign investment" can help build a vigorously expanding economy in India, as happened in his country.

Addressing the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce here, he said foreign investment in the United States today totalled more than Rs. 120,000 million and this flow of capital and technical skills from abroad had never threatened U.S. sovereignty or undermined its policies. Instead, it had provided additional capital to promote growth in key sectors of economy during the early years of industrial growth, created jobs and stimulated competition with the domestic industry.

He said the Foreign Exhchange Act and the guidelines issued under its provisions in India was one of the major concerns of the Chamber.

"The Indian Government is perfectly within its right to enact any legislation or to frame any ground rules for foreign investment in India that it considers appropriate. While we do not question this right, we hope that its implementation of these rules will be in a spirit of business realism and administrative statesmanship that will not impose undue hardships on companies that are involved," Mr. Saxbe said.

Pak allies behind opposition

Kolhapur, March 11 (UNI): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has declared that she "never cared and will not care" those countries which supported Pakistan dictators General Ayub Khan, Yahya Khan and their successor who were responsible for the killings in a neighbouring country and spited India for sympathising with the sufferings of those people.

Addressing public meeting here, she warned that these countries had of late been extending support to the opposition parties in the name of democracy.

Mrs. Gandhi said these countries, which had never taken kindly to India's achievements in various fields, by giving support to the opposition at this juncture further strengthened our doubts about their design. She asked the people to ignore the criticism of Western countries.

The Prime Minister said these countries were shedding tears over what they described as "erosion of democracy". But on their part they had no hesitation in supporting the worst type of dictatorship in some countries.

They had no complaint against countries where political leaders had been done to death. But they were making a lot of hue and cry over detention of some people in India. We should not be concerned over what others talked about us. What required was to have faith in our capacity.

Mrs. Gandhi said what had compelled the Government to take action against the opposition was their attempt to undermine self-confidence of the people without which no nation could move forward. She, however, said some steps taken in the wake of emergency had imposed some constraints on democratic rights. But if what the opposition was doing was allowed it would have sounded the death-knell of democracy.

New earth station

New Delhi, March 12 (UNI): The Indian Posts and Telegraphs department will set up an earth station in Madras for satellite communication experiments using a Franco-German satellite.

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Arrests in Gujarat

AHMEDABAD, March 15. More than 100 anti-Government political figures were reportedly arrested on Saturday in the west coast state of Gujarat as India's last stronghold of opposition yielded peacefully to the control of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The arrests, following the collapse of the opposition state government on Friday, were widely scattered and in general the state was calm and peaceful.

"Everything seems so orderly and normal, you would never suspect that India's last light of freedom is being extinguished," said Babubhai Patel, who was forced to resign as chief minister of Gujarat on Friday after being defeated by a two-vote margin on the floor of the state assembly.

A few hours later, New Delhi invoked the constitutional provision for president's rule, under which the state is administered directly by the federal Government.

It is widely expected that president's rule will last only until a state government can be put together by the Gujarat branch of Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party, which won the largest number of seats-though not a majority-in the last election nine months ago.

"Now with the whole country finally in her hands, I expect people all over India are feeling depression," said Mr. Patel, whose party is known as the Old Congress since it is what was left of the original Congress movement after Mrs. Gandhi bolted from it, taking most of the members with her, in 1969.

(Globe and Mail)

Rajya Sabha poll on 27th

New Delhi , March 12 (UNI): The Biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha (Upper house of Parliament) will be held on March 27, the Election Commission announced here.

A Presidential notification calling for the elections to fill the 69 vacancies arising out of retirement of members on April 2 in respect of 16 States and the Union Territory of Delhi, will be issued on March 3.

Among those who are retiring are three Ministers of State — Om Mehta, I. K. Gujral and Vithal Gadgil.

The new members will be elected by members of the Legislative Assemblies of 16 States and members of the electoral college of the Union Territory of Delhi.

Maharashtra ministers dropped

Bombay, March 7 (UNI): In a major reshuffle of the Maharashtra Ministry, Chief Minister S.B. Chavan dropped three Ministers and added nine new faces, bringing the total strength of the Ministry to 31.

The dropped Ministers are: Irrigation Minister Vasantrao B. Patil, who is the Deputy Leader of the Legislature Party, Finance Minister M.D. Chaudhari and Minister of State for Sports R.V. Belose.

Minister of State for Revenue B.J. Khatal and Minister of State for Agriculture K.M. Patil have been elevated to Cabinet rank.

Among the new entrants are: A.S. Kasture, MP, as Cabinet Minister., R.V.Net, Deputy Speaker of the State Assembly, as Minister of State and Baburao Kale, MP, as Deputy Minister.

Price vigilence

New Delhi, March 11 (UNI): The Union Government has decided to observe March as a month of "intensified vigilance" to curb pre-budget hoarding the post-budget price manipulations.

Stating this at a news conference here, Union Minister of State for Industry and Civil Supplies A. C. George said that a special cell attached to his Ministry would make calculations on different commodities if there were any change in taxation and publish the indicative prices for the guidance of consumers within three or four days after the budget.

He warned of severe action if the traders increased prices beyond justifiable limits.

Mr. George said a negative inflation rate of 0.4 percent was attained for the first time in January 1976 on the basis of a 12-monthly average.

The impact of the steps taken since the emergency was reflected in an appreciable drop in the wholesale and retail prices, he added.

Electronics industry self-reliant

New Delhi, March 11 (UNI): With a 20 per cent growth rate, the electronics industry is the healthiest sector of industry in India today, according to Prof. M.G.K. Menon, chairman of the Electronics Commission.

Inaugurating the test, evaluation and calibration centre at the national Physical Laboratory here Prof. Menon said the electronics industry had achieved considerable degree of self-reliance and in a decade it would have the strongest base in the country.

He said 60 per cent of electronics production was in the field of professional electronics which served a wide spectrum of the national economy.

Prof. Menon claimed that the major electronics public sector undertakings like the Bharat Electronics, the Indian Telephone Industries, and the Electronics Corporation of India were becoming increasingly self-reliant.

These undertakings had now very little of foreign collaboration. A number of new factories now coming up were based completely on indigenous know-how.

He said the Electronics Commission proposed to assist in the establishment of national test houses at Delhi, Bombay, Bangalore and Calcutta.

Stealing foreign drafts

New Delhi, Mar 17 (UNI): The Delhi police have arrested a gang of six persons, including three postal employees, who allegedly involved in intercepting and encashing foreign bank drafts.

The gang is alleged to have misappropriated nearly Rs 250,000, the bulk being illegal remittance from abroad.

Police have also seized a number of bank accounts opened in fictitious names in various banks and a huge stock of letters mailed from abroad.

The activities of the gang came to light following a complaint by a woman that a bank draft of Rs 30,000 sent by her father-in-law from London had not been received. She found that someone had opened the letter and removed the draft.

5.5 per cent growth predicted

New Delhi, Mar 16 (UNI): The pre-budget annual economic survey forecasts a "distinct improvement" in economic prospects in the coming year and holds out the optimistic prospect that the economy has finally broken out of the indifferent trends of the last 15 years.

The survey for 1975-76, presented to Parliament by Finance Minister C. Subramaniam, says "It is likely that in the next two or three years there will be a substantial improvement in the growth performance of the economy as compared with past trends."

No Congress support for CPI

Bhopal, March 12 (UNI): Sanjay Gandhi, son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, said here that there was no question of the Congress supporting the Communist Party of India (CPI).

Mr. Gandhi, a member of the Youth Congress National Council, told a news conference that if the CPI offered its "unconditional support" to the Congress policies, it should be accepted.

He said the 20-point economic program of the Prime Minister should be implemented before March 1977 if the present phase of implementation continued it could be completed within one year.

Answering a question, Mr. Gandhi said till today the country had suffered because of politicians who wanted only the votes.

He defined socialism as one that bettered the lot of the poor and wanted the Congress to take the lead in eradicating poverty.

Replying to another question, Mr. Gandhi said the Congress policies in the past were not wrong though sometimes the approach might have been wrong.

New navy chief

By Our Correspondent

New Delhi: Admiral Lal Cursetji who took over command of the Indian Navy was the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command since February 1973.

He brings with a wide ranging experience for 36 years of colourful service with the Indian Navy. He was awarded Param Vishist Seva Medal in 1971 for "distinguished service of the most exceptional order."

Born on May 20,1919, Admiral Jal Cursetji joined the Royal Indian Navy as a cadet in January 1938 and was commissioned in 1940. He took over command of INS Bombay in 1944.

He was in command of naval survey ships for many years. His specialisation in hydrography made him Chief Hydrographer.

He was in Washington as Naval Attache. He was also commanding officer of INS Vikrant. He was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1967 and took over as Chief of Personnel at the naval Headquarters in New Delhi.

He became Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff in the rank of Vice-Admiral in 1976.

Over 9,000 held in Bengal

Calcutta, March 15 (UNI): A total of 9,037 persons were detained under the maintenance of Internal Security Act. (MISA) between January 1974 and January 1976 in West Bengal on grounds of security and maintenance of law and order and on charges of disruption of supply of essential commodities, Minister of State for Home Affairs Motahar Hossain informed the State Assembly.

Of them, 6,462 persons were detained under MISA on charges of blackmarketing.

He said 11,793 MISA detenus were released between March 1972 and January this year. This included, 2,876 released under High Court orders.

RUPEE UPVALUED AGAINST STERLING

Bombay, Mar 16(UNI): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) upvalued the rupee by about 2.1 per cent in terms of pound sterling, fixing a middle rate of Rs 17.75 per pound against existing Rs 18.1284.

A White Man's Country

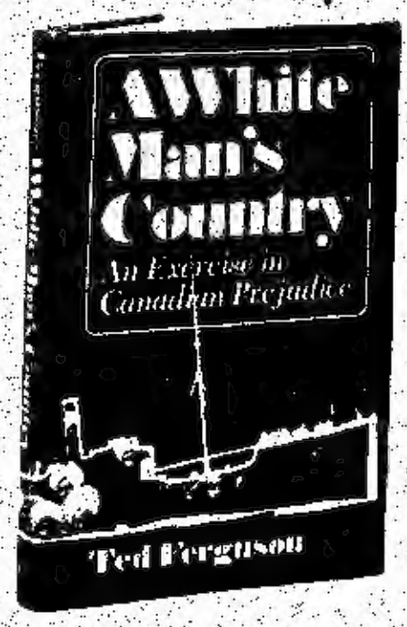
An Exercise in Canadian Prejudice

by Ted Ferguson

"To admit Orientals in large numbers would mean in the end the extinction of the white people, and we always have in mind the necessity of keeping this a white man's country"

B.C. Premier Sir Richard McBride, May 22, 1914

On May 23, 1914, the decaying freighter Komagata Maru, with a human cargo of 376 East Indians, dropped anchor in Vancouver harbor. The Immigration Department refused to let them come ashore and two months later a court ruling gave the federal government the legal right to expel them. This is the frightening story of the racial prejudice, human deceit, and violence that occured.



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PARTICIPATION NEEDED

People of origins in the Indian subcontinent, whether they came from India, pakistan, Ceylon, Bangladesh, East Africa, Guyana, Fiji, Trinidad and Tobago or any other country are one of the most visible and culturally distinct ethnic groups in Canada. At the present time their numbers are somewhere between 120,000 to 150,000. Being visible and culturally different, they often face more economic and social barriers in their path towards the attainment of the goals they have set before them.

Therefore, all possible avenues should be explored to overcome these barriers. Hard work, better education, better community organizations, creating and maintaining a positive image in the media are some of the ways that could be attempted. Another significant means to achieve the same end, hitherto not too well used by many with origins in India, is to join a political party and make one's presence felt and point of view heard.

There are three major political parties in Canada one could think of joining. The ruling liberals led by an intellectual like Prime Minister Trudeau is one. The recent changes in immigration regulations or the covert way in which racism is practised by the Liberals (e.g. no more immigration offices in India) may not endear many to that party. And yet one has to remember that the Liberals are responding to the existing political climate and public opinion in the country.

The Progressive Conservatives led by their dynamic, young organizer Joe Clark is another possibility. One might find it hard to get along with some of the arch Conservatives in that party. It might also be argued that by joining that party one can try to change the party from taking a more Conservative stand in matters pertaining to minority groups.

The New Democratic Party offers socialism in a very diluted form. Those who were nurtured on Pandit Nehru's numerous speeches on socialism will feel a natural affinity towards that party. However, that party and the unions with which they are associated will be unlikely to take a Liberal stand on immigration. Also one should remember that the chances of NDP assuming political power at the federal level in the next 20-25 years is quite remote.

Where does this leave us? All parties have their plus and minus sides. All of them play an active role to make democracy a success. Well, any one of them is as good as any other. The point to remember is to join one of them and start making your impact felt.

More Saudi crude

New Delhi, March 15 (UNI): India will import 1.1 million tonnes of crude from Saudi Arabia this year for which a contract has been signed by both the countries.

A contract for the supply of one million tonnes of crude during 1976 was signed recently with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company also. Iran had agreed in Principle to supply crude in addition to the 2.8 million tonnes it supplies for the Madras refinery under an existing long-term contract. The national Iranian Oil Company is one of the two collaborators of the Madras Refiners Ltd.

India would need to import about 14 million tonnes of crude during 1976 in addition to a little over nine million tonnes she expects to produce from its own onshore and offshore areas. A number of diverse sources are currently being tapped for supply of crude to meet the country's requirements of pettoleum products, says an official press note.

Letters

From India with Love

One day last week I came home from work to find a package in my mail that looked ominouly like junk mail. My first instinct was to consign it to the trashcan as I do with every other piece of similar mail. But suddenly my eyes caught a number of ten-rupee stamps on the package which now began to look very precious. I anxiously opened it to find a bunch of literature against the four banned Indian organizations. There was no letter accompanying these books so I couldn't readily identify my hidden benefactor. I took another look at the envelope. It contained no name or address of sender but in one corner was stamped "O.I.G.S." which, my memory recalled, stood for "On India Government service."

Having thus solved the mystery of the missing sender I began to peruse through the nefarious activities of these dangerous enemies of the cherished Indian goals of socialism and democracy, and would have no doubt banished democracy from India but for the timely saving action by Mrs. Gandhi. Of these organizations, Janaat Islam seems to have been picked only to provide a balance against the RSS which was no doubt the best organized and most dangerous of the banned parties. It was a vicious, para-military organization of hordes of Hindu fanatics with inexhaustible supply of funds and weapons, and with the help of its powerful friends abroad was ready to strike terror at the word 'go'.

Suddenly an ugly doubt raised its head in my mind. If RSS was so powerful and dangerous how could it be banned so easily without practically a ripple of protest? One doubt gave way to another, and yet another. It wasn't so long ago that Mrs. Gandhi had lavished praise on the late RSS chief Golwalker, the Hindu incarnation of Nazi Hitler, and wasn't it during the India-Pakistan war that the Congress government entrusted RSS volunteers with some delicate responsibilities for keeping peace and order?

Be as it may, India has now gotten rid of this dangerous element in society and the country is safely marching unhindered on its hallowed path of democratic socialism. Indeed the country has made so much progress that one hardly hears the word "socialism" any more. From the people who gave you "garibi hatao" the new slogans are "bonus hatao" and "union hatao". Having accomplished redistribution of land and wealth, the government is now indulging in the redistribution of ownership of newspapers from the Goenkas (Indian Express) to the Birlas. The government has also rounded up over a lakh of bad elements and enemies of the people. Of course there will always be detractors like NEW STATESMAN who will claim that more than half of these are political prisoners.

And include many lecturers of Delhi University alone. But who cares about an anti-Indian, reactionary journal like the NEW STATESMAN and its fellow-travellers at the London School of Economics who provide intellectual fodder for such arch Indian reactionaries as Jawaharlal Nehru and Krishna Menon?

As the Indian government keeps reminding us, ALL western media is anti-India with the illustrious exception of the SATYA MEVE JAYAE news from the Indian High Commission, read every week on Ottawa's "Jhankar" program. For those simple-minded folks of Indian origin who have been persuaded otherwise by the pernicious western press I wish to assure that democracy is well and alive in India and living (in retirement) in Mrs. Gandhi's home. Ask Sanjay, he knows.

Nirpaksh
Ottawa

News from the capital

This is the first Newsletter being circulated, hopefully, to provide a major communication link for expressing your concerns towards the formation of a National Organization of Canadians of Origins in India. The need for a National Organization was expressed by many concerned individuals across the country, to improve the deteriorating image of our community within the context of the Canadian Society.

With the indicated enthusiasm, favourable reaction and support, our next step is to work towards goal of formulation of a National Organization. It should be understood that Ad Hoc Group consisting of; Draft Constitution Core Group, Public Relations Committee, Financial Committee and Founding Conference Committee, is a temporary set up working with individuals and existing organizations across the country. You, the individuals and the organizations are the ones whose participation is required to develop the final structure of National Association.

A glimpse of the background and Draft Constitution of the National Association, might have aided you to comprehend the Objectives and Nature of the National Association. Arrangements are already in progress for holding a Founding conference in Ottawa.

If you have not received a copy of the Draft Constitution, please do not hesitate to write

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Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at a dinner given to her by the heads of diplomatic missions in Delhi in her honour.

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By Bharat P. Mathu

Ottawa, March 7, 197

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Fast fading Gandhian principles

By Bharat P. Mathur

Ottawa, March 7, 1976

Robert L. Wenman, a prominent member of the Progressive Conservative Party in the House of Commons, is of the opinion that Mahatma Gandhi's principles of pacifism, non-alignment and peaceful co-existence appear to be fading fast in contemporary India.

Mr. Wenman, who was in the Canadian delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in New Delhi last November, has expressed this view in his 'Reflections on Indian Trip.'

Mr. Wenman highlights the fact of the Chinese aggression in early 1960's having created "an overwhelming drive" in India to modernise the armed forces and expand defence production. In terms of military power, India today maintains the fourth largest army, the fifth or sixth largest air force and the eighth or ninth largest navy in the world.

CONFLICT WITH CHINA

While India publicly proclaims a policy of non-alignment, adds Mr. Wenman, it is apparent that the Soviet Union has firmly moved in to fill the vacuum left behind by the U.S., which is obviously intent on strengthening and solidifying its ties with China. A critical world confrontation problem is now developing between India and China. Two of the world's largest population giants are poised in conflict against each other and backed in turn by the world's two most powerful nations - Russia and the U.S.

When the fact of these two countries (India and China) having both demonstrated nuclear capability is taken into account, and a theatre of confrontation — Bangladesh — is developing, the world indeed has good cause for grave concern. While it would be easy to condemn India's excellerating expenditure on her armed forces and pre-occupation with defence preparedness, it does not take much foresight (recognising the deep-seated fear of China that the Indian people have and the obvious sense of pride they have following the successful detonation of a nuclear device) to realise that India will proceed not only with further atomic explosions but also ultimately towards an efficient and competent military nuclear capacity.

TOWARDS TOTALITARIANISM

Referring to the developments in India following the proclamation of emergency, Mr. Wenman says, "It is apparent that India has taken a jarring turn towards totalitarian rule, although, strictly speaking, it remains a democracy. Political debate in the country has been effectively silenced, certain civil liberties have been suspended and newspapers print only acceptable and predictable stories.

"While defending her actions, Mrs. Indira Gandhi has set the stage for a more strict form of a quasi-democratic government that is currently emerging in India. While the Prime Minister's changes in an evolving democracy would appear to Western eyes to be a total derailment of democracy in the country, she seems to have won considerable support because of the reforms introduced by her.

"As one travels throughout India, and observes the diversity and immensity of her problems, it is easy to sympathise with her obvious frustration with an overly permissive and inefficient democratic system that would appear to be hindering, or at least slowing, India's advance towards economic independence and emergence as a developed modern soverign state.

DEMOCRACY IN THEORY

"In view of the postponement of general elections, further restrictions, civil unrest and under-currents, India, while maintaining some sort of a theoretical democracy, unfortunately appears in practice to be drifting further and further away from democracy, as we know it, and closer and closer towards totalitarianism.

"India is really a re-developing nation of proud people, re-emerging from tremendously diverse and independently powerful historical traditions. In spite of the country's great consumptive capacity and physical poverty, there appears, initiated earlier but perhaps sparked by the emergency state, a renaissance or rebirth that finds expression in a drive towards self-reliance and national independence."

ROBERT L. WENMAN

World Hindu Council

Madras, March 16 (UNI). A five-day world Hindu conference which concluded here decided to set up a World Hindu Council to preserve and foster Hindu religion and culture.

The conference, organized by the kanchi amakoti mutt, called upon the Hindus to eschew the "pernicious practice of receiving dowry."

It adopted a seven-point program which included a call to the Hindus to follow the tenets of their religion in whichever country they might live and abjure discrimination and foster harmony and brotherhood.

Over 60 delegates from many countries, including Sri Lanka, South Africa, Malaysia and Singapore, attended the conference.

Book Review By Jagpal S. Tiwana

A White Man's country

An exercise in Canadian Prejudice.
By Tod Ferguson. Doubleday, 1976, 216 pages, cloth, $8.95.

The experienced journalist, playwright, and T.V. writer, Ted Ferguson has come out with a remarkable book, **A Whiteman's Country**, at a most appropriate time when racial feelings have again flared up in Canada. The soul of Ferguson was stirred when he witnessed the acts of violence and vandalism being committed by white people against East-Indians in British Columbia and Ontario.

"Obscenities were painted on the walls of the Sikh temple. Rocks smashed through windows in private homes. Youth gangs hunted and assulted East Indian men and women in the streets. . . the situation in British Columbia is shocking and repulsive. . . ."

To build a convincing case for the acceptance of East Indians in Canada, by white Canadians in general, and the immigration authorities in particular, Ferguson has chosen the pathetic story of the 376 passengers of the **Komagatu Maru** which dropped anchor in Vancouver Harbor on May 23, 1914.

The passengers on board - all Sikhs, except for 17 Muslims - came with the high hopes of settling in the "Promised Land", British Columbia. They were not only British subjects, but nearly all were veterns of the British army's famous Sikh regiments.

However, a sorrowful fate awaited them in Vancouver. The atmosphere in the new land had been charged with hatred and prejudice against the Asians. There had been racial clashes before between the Chinese and Japanese and the White population. The press carried a vituperative campaign against them. The government had hastily passed an order in council to bar the entry of Hindus to Canada.

It was against this background of racial turmoil and legal confusion, that the **Komagatu Maru** passengers sought to enter Canada.

The passengers decided to appeal against the discriminatory law, but they did not have adequate funds. The local East Indian community came to their rescue. They raised funds and provided all kinds of help to their compatriots. As the parleys with the immigration authorities dragged on, the passengers ran short of provisions. All this made them desperate and the situation became very tense.

The passengers lost the case in court. They were ordered to go back. They would not leave without adequate provisions. The Japanese captain of the ship was ordered by the immigration authorities to move the ship, but he would not dare as he saw the rattling of swords around his head.

Malcolm Reid, the immigration inspector, came on board to study the complaints about the shortage of food. The exasperated Sikhs turned red with rage when they saw him. They drew out their swords to attack him, but the timely intervention of Gurdit Singh saved his life.

An attempt by a force of 160 police and immigration officials aboard the tug: **Sea Lion**, to move the ship out of Vancouver Harbour was foiled by the passengers' stiff resistance. However, to the great relief of the authorities, the ship left Vancouver on July 23, 1914, when the Canadian cruiser **Rainbow** was called and adequate food was provided to the passengers.

The relief was, however, short lived. The episode caused bloodshed on both sides of the Pacific Ocean.

Like their compatriots on **Komagatu Maru**, the Vancouver East Indians were equally embittered by the episode. The Ghadrite revolutionaries started hunting the government spies who had been betraying their efforts to help the passengers. Two friends of the immigration benchman, Bela Singh, were found murdered. Bela Singh ran amok, killing Bhag Singh, the priest, and Badan Singh, a labourer, and injuring seven others in the Sikh temple.

Bela Singh was arrested and charged with murder. William Hopkinson came to the court to testify that Bela Singh had opened fire in self defense. Mewa Singh, a close associate of Bhag Singh, shot Hopkinson to death in the court. Calm and unruffled, Mewa Singh made a moving confession at the trial. "All this trouble and the shooting Mr. Reid and Mr. Hopkinson are responsible for. I shot Mr. Hopkinson out of honour and principle to my fellow countrymen and for my religion, . . ." (A more touching excerpt from his statement is quoted by Khushwant Singh in **A History of Sikhs**, Vol 2, p. 179-180).

Mewa Singh was tried more speedily than Bela Singh and hanged, but Bela Singh was acquitted.

Worse fate awaited the passengers when they arrived at the Budge-Budge harbor near Calcutta. They were not allowed to move freely in their own country. They were ordered to board a train for the Punjab. They refused and clashed with the police. The police opened fire. Twenty-six men were killed in the violence. Gurdit Singh was, however, able to escape with twenty-seven others.

As fascinating as the melodramatic story itself are the characters that figure in it. The dominating personality is the head-strong Sikh patriarch, Gurdit Singh. Held in extreme awe and respect by the passengers he gives the authorities a really tough time right up until the last minute. Opposing him is Malcolm Reid, the bureaucratic immigration inspector, whose stubborness and lack of finesse caused an awkward situation to degenerate into human tragedy. Supporting Reid is the Lahore born William Hopkinson. Fluent in Punjabi, he plays the dual role of a uniform official and masquerarded Punjabi labourer, Narian Singh, who collects information from the East Indian community. Foremost amongst the East Indians in Vancouver is the Ghadrite revolutionary, Bhag Singh. Acting as temple priest, he organizes a formidable support on shore for the passengers. Opposed to him is the unscrupulous informer, Bela Singh, who spies on him and his associates. Provoked by the dastardly murders committed by Bela Singh is, courageous Mewa Singh, who after finishing Hopkinson, the most important witness of Bela Singh, cheerfully walks to the gallows.

A White Man's Country is a frightening record of racial prejudice, bureaucratic incompetence, human deceit and horrifying violence.

The book is the result of two years' constant research. Not only did Ferguson read the hitherto confidential letters, telegrams and transcripts of conversations with the immigration informers, but he also interviewed men like H. H. Stevens, former M.P.; Fred Taylor, the retired immigration employee; and a ninety year old one time Ghadrite revolutionary - men who are alive and were involved in the **Komagatu Maru** affair. Thus he brings to our attention, through the priceless date, the important events which were swept aside by the advent of World War One.

The **Kamagatu Maru** affair and its consequences made Ferguson disappointed with the white people who "unfairly stagmatized British Columbia's Eastern Indian community for years after the great world war ended." He pleads for the latter's acceptance by Canadian society. At a time when Ottawa is hammering out a new immigration policy, he exhorts them to be fair and non discriminatory towards East Indians coming from a country which is as important a member of the Commonwealth as is Canada. And with full knowledge of the past events, he warns "whatever course Ottawa takes, the East Indians will not be leaving South Vancouver . . . The cold unfriendliness of a foreign land is not going to drive them away. They are determined to endure the hardships until they are accepted and respected. . . ."

Ferguson, indeed deserves the gratitude of East Indians for the yeoman's service he has done to their cause.

Ferguson is, however, not quite charitable to Gurdit Singh whom he portrays as a greedy man with a life long passion for the bewitching dollar. According to Ferguson, Gurdit Singh's motive in leading the expedition was financial.

There is, however, more reliability in the Nainital (India) born Canadian historian Eric Smith's assertion that, Gurdit Singh was an agitator in the Punjab and had contacts with the Ghadrites and "his prime motive in bringing over the passengers was to add to the political unrest in India."

Freguson chooses to ignore Gurdit Singh's statement to the press in B.C. "What is done with the shipload of my people will determine whether we shall have peace in all parts of the British Empire."

A close study of Gurdit Singh's tactics reveals that he was a

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Women hold multicultural conference

by Jaya Subramaniam

The first Ottawa Womens' multicultural conference held from March 5 to 7 was attended by about 250 delegates drawn from 60 ethnic communities. The opening was gala with a wine and cheese party at the National Museum of Man on March 5 amidst the surrounding of various cultural objects representing a variety of cultures that co-exist in Canada. There was several prominent guest speakers as well as resource persons for the various workshops.

The Central theme of the Ottawa Womens' Multicultural conference was "The different stages of the ethnic woman's life in Canada". The conference divided its delegates into three large workshops and the topics for the mini workshops were based on the suggestions of delegates.

The author of this article was the leader of the mini-workshop Intragroup communication and pointed over the following thoughts with reference to the East Indian Community in Ottawa.

Back at home in India, a group means a natural group. Voluntary Associations, extended families, village, neighbourhood, political groups etc. These groups communicate very effectively. A group of immigrants in any ethnic community in Canada is an artificial group drawn from different Socio-economic, cultural regional and linguistic backgrounds. They meet in Canada for the first time and therefore there is mutual fear and suspicion. This situation and sorry state of affairs is further enacerbated by Professional competition and middle class rivalry for prestige symbols and possessions. Many of them boast all the time about non-existent Canadian friends to avoid their own group till the limits of loneliness in reached. Intragroup communication really starts in cultural activities but not too smoothly. Many professionals never had the time to learn much about their culture before they emigrated.

At a banquet organised by the Conference at the Skyline Hotel invited guest speakers included Madame Leger, wife of the governoor-general, Mme Lapointe, speaker of the Senate, Mrs. Teddy Keboe of the city of Ottawa and Dr. Carmen Ray, Director of the Canadian Centre for Folk culture studies of the Museum of Man. A variety entertainment program followed. Several recomendations were formulated. The Ottawa Womens' multicultural conference received substantial financial support from the Secretary of State.

Indo-U.S. relations

Calcutta, March 11 (UNI): The three joint sub-commissions formed under the Joint Indo-US Commission had made some progress and were scheduled to meet again shortly to "take stock of the progress and consider further steps for bilateral cooperation in new areas," Deputy External Affairs Minister Depin Pal Das said here.

He told newsmen here that the deliberations of the recent meeting of the joint business council of the two countries held in Delhi had "given hopes for further improvement of India's relations with the USA in various fields of business."

Mr. Das said "expansion of economic cooperation with all countries has become a new significant facet in India's foreign policy."

No change of heart

Aurangabad, Maharashtra, March 12 (UNI): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has said that there is hardly any indication of a change of heart among some of the opposition parties necessitating a review of the emergency.

She said these parties, in fact, were looking for an opportunity to resume their violent agitations and unconstitutional activities. At the moment, they were simply lying low.

The Prime Minister made these remarks at a rally at Paithan, about 50 km from here, on the last day of her three-day tour of Maharashtra.

Mrs. Gandhi said some people wanted that the emergency should be lifted because discipline had been restored and the country was making progress. But there was a possibility of these parties reviving their unconstitutional agitations.

HMT to collaborate

Mysore, March 11 (UNI): The State-owned Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) proposes to start machine tools factories in Iran, South Korea and Sri Lanka collaborating with some firms in these countries.

Disclosing this at a function here HMT Chairman S. M. Patil said the factory in Iran was expected to start in the middle of this year. The HMT would provide technical knowhow and machinery for the factory.

Explaining the expansion porograms of HMT he said a tractor manufacturing unit at Patna and a watch factory in Darjeeling were being set up.

The turnover of HMT had increased from Rs. 100 million to Rs. 1 billion in the last decade and during the next 10 years it was expected to reach Rs 1.5 billion.

Dr. Patil said the annual exports of MMT which sold at Rs 100 Million were expected to rise to Rs 150 million in the next five years.

J.P needs dialyser

CHICAGO: In response to an urgent appeal for funds from Mr. Radhakrishna, Secretary of Gandhi Peace Foundation in New Delhi for a dialyser for Loknayak J.P. Narayan, a group of leading members of the Indian Community in the greater metropolitan Chicago area met on Sunday, March 7 and formed "Committee for JP Fund.".

The group felt it is a very worthwhile humanitarian cause to raise funds for a person who has devoted more than 50 years of selfless service for India and has served the country with distinction in various capacities such as Freedom fighter and Sarvodaya Leader.

The appeal is for a fund of Rs. 5 lakhs (Approx. $65,000) which are needed for the buying, maintenance and related expenses. JP's kidneys are not functioning and he has to depend upon dyalysis for the rest of his life.

This Committee in Chicago consists of the leading members of over ten leading Indian organizations in the Chicago area and the representatives of the local Indian newspapers and the business community. The Committee urges interested persons in other areas to start similar committees in their areas for this worthwhile cause.

A nationally known American organization, Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), a non-profit and tax exempt organization with a long history of association with India, has agreed to collect funds for this humanitarian cause.

Cheques should be made payable to "FOR JP FUND" and may be directly sent to : FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. 10960.

Those interested in this cause and want more information should write to: Committee for JP Fund, 6424 N. Bell Ave, Chicago, 60645, or call: S.R. Hiremath (312) 968-5021 or Thakor Patel (312) 478-1398.

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to India.

White Man's Country

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patriot who exploited every confrontation with the authorities to his political advantage. An educated man, he was fully aware of the illegal nature of the enterprise and guessed what the outcome would be, a guess which proved to be a shrewed one in view of the subsequent developments. No businessman would offend the authorities to the extreme and risk his own life and no charterer would command such a blind loyalty from the passengers as did Gurdit Singh. As a businessman he could easily have avoided the firing at the Budge-Budge harbors where twenty of his loyal men died and he himself was carried by Darbara Singh Malhan on his back. In 1921, Gurdit Singh surrendered himself to the police at Nankana Sahib where the Sikh agitation to gain control of the shrines was at its peak. After his release, Gurdit Singh was elected president of the outlawed Akali Dal.

The Gurdwara Reform Movement had the full backing of the Indian National Congress. During the Jaito Morcha at Nabha, in 1923, Darbara Singh Malhan, the chief lieutenant of Gurdit Singh, was arrested and charged with a false conspiracy case with Jawaharlal Nehru. Nehru, in his autobiography, makes a moving reference about him, though he is unable to recollect his name.

Indeed, the prime motive of Gurdit Singh was to expose the discriminatory policy of Canada against the East Indian British subjects for denying them the right to settle in the new land: trade and business were secondary considerations.

Ferguson is also ill at ease with Punjabi names. He writes Nanak Davil, 'Argan Singh', and 'Hernan Singh', for Nanak Dev, Arjan Singh and Hernam Singh, probably borrowed from Ray Gardner's article **When Vancouver turned back the Sikhs.** He gives 1460 as the number of pages of Granth Sahib, whereas the Adi Granth as approved by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prbhandak Committee contains 1430 pages.

Ferguson is not the first white man to write sympathically and realistically about the **Komagata Maru** affair. Eric Morse in his paper **Some Aspects of the Komagata Maru affair**, 1936, Ray Gardner in the article, **When Vancouver turned back the Sikhs** 1958, Eric Nicolin in his book **Vancouver**, 1970, and John Norris in **Strangers Entertained**, 1971, have all dealt with the Komagata Maru affair with the objectivity it deserves. Norris strongly deplores the discriminatory attitude of the majority community against the East Indians from the 1914 events. "Though equally with Canadians they were British subjects, they could not vote, they could not join certain professions, could not lease Crown lands and were vulnerable to any economic discrimination which the receiving community chose to exercise against them." East Indians were given the right to vote only in 1947, thanks to the persistent efforts of Dr. D. P. Pandia.

But Ferguson's account is certainly the best, well documented and detailed, this far. There are eight illustrations, a good bibliography, but no index. There is no table of contents and the chapters are not captioned.

Railways retain trophy

Cuttack, March 15 (UNI): The Railways retained the Rangaswami Trophy by defeating the Services by a solitary goal in the finals of the national Hockey Championship here.

International right winger Philips scored the lone goal through a penalty-stroke in the first half.

The Railways also completed a second hat-trick of victories in the finals.

Amritraj wins $17,000

MEMPHIA, (March 15) India's Vijay Amritraj dominated the championship match of the World Championship Tennis' $60,000 Memphis Racquet Club tournament yesterday by defeating Stan Smith of the United States, 6-2, 0-6, 6-0.

The 22-year-old eighthseed, picked up a $17,000 first place cheque, the largest payday of his career.

Amritraj broke service in the second, sixth and eighth games of the first set in posting a 6-2 victory.

Women's cricket

New Delhi, March 13 (UNI): India is to stage the world cup cricket championship for women sometime next year.

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Freedom at Midnight fails to impress

By George Mathew

The book "Freedom At Midnight", co-authored by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre, was vehemently criticised for its numerous "distortions" and "glaring omissions" by V. Shankar who was Secretary to Sardar Vallabhai Patel during the entire period of his Deputy Prime Ministership.

Mr Shankar, author of the book "My years with Sardar Patel" said the book was an account "distorted to suit the general purpose of the authors to glorify Lord Mountbatten at the expense of almost everybody else who is pictured in that account and even at the cost of exploration of Gandhi's personality for that purpose."

Mr. Shankar was speaking at a discussion on "Freedom at Midnight: History or Fiction" presided over by the former Defence Minister, Swaran Singh. A prepared text of his speech ran into 24 pages.

He said: "I have yet to come across a publication which portrays a personality in such an exclusive and deliberate manner and yet for which a claim is made for its historical character." Lord Mountbatten had been hailed by the authors as the "Liberator of India," but this "dignified and heroic role bears no scrunity." He termed the conversation reported in the book between Sardar Patel, Pandit Nehru and Lord Mountbatten regarding the "take over" of the administration as "a travesty of facts" and explained the sequence of events.

Sardar and Nehru were on the move and engrossed in dealing with many day-to-day problems affecting thousands of refugees and the fires of hate, hostility and conflicts raging all round. "Both Menon (V.P.) and I felt that there must be some high authority present who could deal with the multiplicity of problems in a direct co-ordinated and systematic manner instead of the position of drift and confusion that prevailed. We could not think of no one other than Mountbatten to fill the role and V.P. (Menon) consulted Sardar who said he himself was thinking on the same lines and agreed that V.P. should request Mountbatten to come down and be present in Delhi. He said he was sure Pandit Nehru would agree, which subsequently he did. Consequently Menon telephoned Mountbatten to do so. This is borne out by Campbell Johnson's account in which he says that V.P. rang up to pass on Sardar's message for Mountbatten to return to Delhi immediately adding the general view that the situation was so serious that his presence could alone save it. Mr. Hodson's description conforms to Campbell Johnson's story. V.P. Menon's description of this development is more or less on the same lines. On arrival Pandit Nehru and the Sardar met him and it was decided to constitute an emergency committee with Lord Mountbatten as chairman."

"This simple development has been overdramatised in the book and given the appearance of a "take-over" by Mountbatten and Pandit Nehru and Sardar behaving like a pair of chastened school boys and virtually behaving like two puppets, following the strings of the Master and emerging in object submission to his dictates. I used to be present at the meetings and never did this atmosphere prevail. There are others more distinguished who can testify to the same effect. The discussions were full, frank and meaningful and decision were taken after due deliberation but in an expeditious manner. They were executed with businesslike efficiency. The description of the conversation of this subject between Lord Mountbatten, Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel is a travesty of facts and finds to mention in Campbell Johnson's account."

The fact of the matter was, Mr. Shankar observed, that the two leaders decided to utilise the undoubted military talent of their Governor-General to systematise the various administrative agencies charged with law and order, refugee relief, medical care, transport and communication and secure the optimum use of the depleted administrative services.

Terming the book as a one-sided account Mr. Shankar continued: "Pandit Nehru figures oftener than Sardar patel. Gandhiji obtains less notice than Lord and lady Mountbatten. The conspirators and accomplices in Gandhiji's assassination between themselves find much more mention than Churchill or Jinnah. The authors have consulted hardly any literature on Sardar Patel or the more authoritative sources on Pandit Nehru."

"Consequently their account inevitably suffers from inadequate appreciation of the personality and achievements of both Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel, particularly the contribution both made the time of partition to secure a peaceful transfer of power through their tours and speeches and other activities."

Mr. Shankar also refused the authors' contention that there were serious differences between Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel. Both were fiercely patriotic and passionately devoted to peace at home and abroad.

Mr. Shankar concluded: "It was sometimes difficult while dealing with a towering, engaging and captivating personality to swell on the minus factors, yet the existence of the latter is a perfectly natural phenomenon. If the authors had adopted a correct critical attitude towards the material they collected, and had been more eathotic in the treatment of that material and in tapping other sources of information, the book would have been a real contribution to historical literature. But the book failed to impress, as far as general truths were concerned. At best it could be "a good historical romance."

DMK preached session

Bombay, March 11 (UNI): What brought the downfall of the DMK Ministry in Tamil Nadu was a party meeting in Thanjavur on January 24 when three ministers were present and revolution and secession were openly advocated, according to Tamil Nadu Governor K. K. Shah.

Answering questions by newsmen here Mr. Shah said he agreed that any elected Government should be allowed to continue for full term to afford it an opportunity to improve itself.

"When a question of granting extension of the term arises, one has, however, to take a review of the activities of the Government," he added.

Democracy not to be abandoned

Bombay, March 10 (UNI): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has said that India was neither going to become a one-party State nor it intended to abandon democracy and rule of law.

Inaugurating a convention on "Disciplined democracy," organized by the Bombay Pradesh Congress Committee here, she said there was "probably no need for any total overhaul of our political system but there is a definite need to mend our ways."

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Towards Multiculturalism

By Dr. Shiv Coopta

This day next month it will be exactly sixteen years since I have been in this country. Reflecting back on this rather significant portion of my life I find that, in fact, I have lived through an important period of change in the history of Canada. In the following few paragraphs I would like to reminisce my impressions of these years, specifically about the evolution of multiculturalism.

DARKNESS

Until the early sixties, the population of Canada was almost singularly composed of people of one race, one colour and more or less one religion. Apart from a few pockets in British Columbia, the people of Indian origin were indeed a rarity. If you saw a lady in a sacri or a Sikh with a turban, you would see eyebrows being raised, fingers pointing or smiles flashing. Those were the days when you had to search for okra, eggplant and mangoes. If you did succeed in locating such items, curious shoppers often asked what you did with those things.

Those were the days when a prospective immigrant had to meet the basic criteria of race, colour and religion as a pre-condition to a permanent settler status in this country. Those were the days when, at least in one of the provinces of Canada, you could not be legally married unless you were a Christian. Also in that same province, you could not be admitted to a teachers training college unless you belonged to one of the Christian denominations. The only exceptions were the Jews, who, by a strange definition, were classified as protestants.

DAWN

In the midst of all this one could feel that a big change was in the offing. North America was going through a silent explosion in the field of education which had been triggered off by a multiplicity of reasons.

Nations were experiencing an increase in the numbers of young people — thanks to the post-war baby boom. The peoples of the world had become outward looking, so much so that the richest and the most powerful were making preparations to reach for the moon and beyond. The post-war economies were booming. Resources became available for improving the social health and well-being of man. All these led to generous investments in education at all levels and that probably marked a turning point in the history of mankind.

Whatever the reasons for the education explosion, it produced reverberations which in turn began to produce certain visible changes in the ethnic constitution of this country for it was at this time that North America, particularly Canada, started to take an enticing look at the people of non-European stock.

People from India were of exceptional value. They were from within the Commonwealth and had been moulded in the British systems of education, law and politics over a period of two hundred years. They had a credible and creditable record of having sacrificed a lot of lives, blood and wealth in the two world wars for defending the freedom-loving people of the world. Most of all they were known to be industrious, law-abiding and peaceful.

It was in this light that Canada relaxed its immigration policies towards the people of Indian origin and opted for creating a multi-racial nation. I can never forget the thrilling experience of being wanted so much by a people other than the one I had known before until I went through the process of obtaining landed immigrant status in 1964. What I could not get over was the feeling of welcome that my family and I received at the time of our interview.

CLOUD

That was 1964. A mere ten years later, I found myself getting concerned and asking my friends and associates, including my member of parliament Hon. Walter Baker, about the implications of certain proposed changes in the Immigration Act. My concern was not the changes but it was the manner in which the whole question had been aired. It seemed like a retrograde step from the declared ideal of multiculturalism.

I have no doubt that my family and I and the ethnic community that we represent would be against an unplanned open door immigration policy. After all Canada is now our home. We, as much as anybody else, would want to protect the well-being of this beautiful nation of ours that we have come to love so much. What does disturb us, however, is the counterproductive, fear-creating suggestions about racial disharmony in this country.

The people of Canada and its recent governments, both Conservative and Liberal, have been the world's front-runners in promoting inter-racial respect and dignity. No one will forget the historic Commonwealth conference of 1960 where Prime Minister John Diefenbaker led the decisive crusade of ousting South Africa from the Commonwealth because of that country's insistance on its policies of racial apartheid.

At the same time, however, one cannot forget those earlier bleak day when Canada, gripped in the stress of war, had made the infamous decision to intern its people of Japanese origin. Japan was, at least, on the opposite side of the war.

My reason for bringing up this unhappy event of history is not to "take a dig" at the conscience of the Canadians but to remind us that such injustices and malpractices can easily result when decisions are made in ignorance.

HOPE

The situation today is very different. Young people know more about those who are different from themselves. They have learnt to show more tolerance and respect to those of other races, colour and religions.

As I close this personal reminiscent perspective of history I cannot help putting down a few questions that need to be answered. For years, Canada has tended the plant of multiculturalism. It is time that we took a collective look at this valuable gift of ours and procure the kind of nourishment and care it needs to bloom a hundred times over.

The questions I would like to raise are:

If multiculturalism is the national goal, what are the means of achieving it? What do we know about our government's policies to further the policy of multiculturalism at the grassroots levels? What are we doing to fill the remaining gaps of knowledge about our individual and collective contributions for the common well-being of this Nation? What plans are there to undertake a systematic approach to foster objective knowledge and understanding through our school systems? What are we doing to accelerate this process?

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Changes in Citizenship Act

[The following excerpts ar from a statement by Hon. Hugh Faulkner on Bill C-20]

Canada was the first Commonwealth country to adopt a distinctive Citizenship and it is interesting to read the citizenship and nationality laws of other Commonwealth countries which have followed Canada's example. In them, you will find principles expressed which are nearly identical to the Canadian law.

What makes this Bill unique and a leader among nationality laws of the world? First, it treats absolutely everyone equally. An applicant is an applicant, whether the person be male or female, young or old, from Austria or Australia. This quality is rare in citizenship law. It is most common to treat men and women differently and there are usually preferences built in for certain classes of people from certain countries or backgrounds, but our law will be completely fair. Second, Bill C-20 clears away, as much as is possible, the potential for abuse of discretionary power.

It clearly lays down certain steps the applicant must follow and certain qualifications the applicant must satisfy. Upon satisfaction of those conditions, then citizenship shall follow as a right. This is an immensely important step and one which I predict will be studied and eventually copied by other countries.

The first issue is the reduction in residence requirement from five years to three. It is to recognize the fact that some people are ready to try to meet the qualifications for citizenship more quickly than others. It is as simple as that. It only takes a moment's thought to realize that an applicant who already speaks one of Canada's two languages, has close family connections in Canada, is familiar with the Canadian form of government, has visited the country, and so on, has tremendous advantages over people who came from a country where they speak neither of the languages, which has a totally different form of government and so forth. There is certainly no guarantee that a person will receive citizenship after three years. We are simply giving people the opportunity to try the tests if they, themselves feel that they are ready.

NORTH KOREA DENIES REPORT ON ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN.

New Delhi, March 12 (UNI): The North Korean Embassy here has denied U.S. columnist Jack Anderson's report that North Korea has been supplying arms to Pakistan and some other countries.

Multicultural Assn. formed

Some 30 persons from various cultural backgrounds met Thursday evening in the Nova Scotia Teachers College and formed the Multicultural Association of Colchester County.

Among officers elected are R. Sharma and B. S. Sodhi.

Three delegates to the provincial association will be elected when the association meets again.

The association will meet on the last Thursday of every month.

Racism charged

By Jane Tweddle

Witnesses testified during a hearing of the Ontario Human Rights Commission that Algoma College and its principal, Dr. D. Watkins refused to hire a qualified applicant to a college position because he was from Pakistan. They testified there was discrimination towards Dr. Akram Rajput because of his race, colour, nationality, ancestry and plac of origin.

Dr. Watkins allegedly refused to hire Dr. Rajput because there were already two Pakistani teachers in the Sociology Department and he felt that students in the community would shy away from sociology courses if a third Pakistani was in the department. Because of the possibility of creating community discontent, the college board of directors would not hire Dr. Rajput, he said.

Dr. Watkins felt that the college should seek a qualified Canadian before Dr. Rajput and only if a Canadian could not be found would Dr. Rajput, who is a Canadian Citizen, be considered for the position advertised.

TV to continue in SITE areas

New Delhi, March 13 (UNI): Television in SITE areas will continue even after the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment is complete, the Energy Minister, K.C. Pant said.

The experiment concludes July 31 when the American satellite ATS 6, via which educational programmes are beamed to 2,400 villages, moves to another location.

ICA Trust Does does well

By Jane Tweddle

The India Canada Association Charitable trust of Ottawa has completed another successful year of operation.

In 1975, the present Board of Directors were elected. Previous Directors had collected $15,500 towards the Trust. The task of the new Directors was to preserve and increase the money, and to ensure the organization did not sway from its original intended purposes.

The present directors are Dr. Shiv Chopra (chairman), Dinesh Bhatnagar and Kanu Bhatt.

Since being elected, the Directors met 14 times to discuss the Trust policy and to administer the mandate from the community. It also brought about a greater liason with its parent body, the India-Canada Association. On Sept. 13/75, it was decided that 90 percent of the Trusts present and future resources would be set aside to build a community centre. Until such time as a site is found and it is built, the Board has arranged a temporary community centre in a building generously loaned by a Trust member Dr. and Mrs. Shiv Jindal.

The Board has looked at many proposals for the use of the centre. Some of the activities the Board has promoted and would like to see run by interested parties of the community are: sitar-veena recitals/classes, mushara, religions discourses/Havans, Garba/Bhangra and other folk dances, Rabindra Sangeet recital, Kave Sammelan/songs, monthly dances, musical evenings, Karnatax music recitals, workshops on compartitive religions, lecturers to visit and address school children to acquaint them with the finer aspects of Indian culture etc.

To administer and maintain the center, the Board has appointed a coordinating committee to raise funds to furnish the center and to make up the rules and fee structure for its use.

The Board spent a lot of time in 1975 amending the constitution so it could be an institution for all to participate in to help achieve the prime goal of attaining a community centre. There are now 48 members of the Board and the Trust hopes to reach 200 by the years end.

Due to the devoted efforts of Dr. Satish Chandar and Ernest Henderson, the Trust field hockey team consisting of 50 Indian and Canadian boys practised all summer to play a friendly match against visitors from Brockville. These children and their parents also attended a pre-Olympic tournament in Montreal. One of the players John Samuel (JT) was picked to play in the Ottawa team against Toronto.

People attending the dinner dance of June 21/75 and the wine and cheese of Feb 7/76 not only had an enjoyable evening, but learned of the aims and objectives of the Trust. $700.00 was donated to the furnishing of the centre along with a P. A. system and two batiks.

The Board requests the community to enroll themselves as trustee members and also to suggest ways of strengthening the Trust through activities justifying the need for our own Community centre. Please help to make the organization strong and healthy so it can meet the needs of the community now and in the future.

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Indian textile exhibition in Toronto

By Manjula Parekat

Trade relationships are more enduring than military pacts or political hegemony. Long after British supremacy in India ended in 1947, during the decade that followed, the annual trade between the two countries multiplied several times. It may be to Canada's advantage to import India's labour intensive products like Handloom and Handicrafts against its large exports of metals, fertilisers, etc. to India. Therefore, no efforts should be spared to explore and promote this two-way trade between the two nations. To this end, India must ensure that only her best quality goods find their way into Canadian markets - products that will project a positive image.

It is with these intentions that the first major exhibition of Indian textiles, fabrics, ready-made garments and household soft goods was held in Montreal and Toronto on February 23 to 25 and March 2 to 4 respectively. In Toronto, the exposition was held at Four Seasons Sheraton with participants from many of the major Indian manufacturers displaying a conglomeration of items ranging from contemporary cotton and leather garments, rayon and synthetic textiles, pure wool and blended fabrics to traditional handloom creations including carpets, home furnishings garments and accessories.

The three-day proceedings commenced with a cocktail reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Suri, Indian Consul General in Toronto on behalf of Mr. Bajpai, Indian High Commissioner, who was detained in Ottawa due to inclement weather. Mr. Bajpai's public address delivered by Mr. Suri stressed on the changing attitudes of developing countries from the concept of aid to that of trade. A fashion show was held in the Dominion Ballroom of the hotel with costumes designed by Mrs. Bubu Arya modelled by Canadian professionals. Cool Madras checks and cheesecloth, sporty denims, breezy cottons, Ludhiana knits, "deshi khadi", South Indian home spun silks, magnificent Gujarati mirror work, feather light printed chiffons and exotic handwoven brocade Rajput sherwanis, kurtas and afghans offered a unique range of choice, alternately reflecting the modern trend of gay abandon and traditional sobriety.

Dr. Brij Bhushan, Director of the Indian Trade Show was approached for statistics and opinions. Apparently, the best market for Indian fabrics are Western Europe and U.K. Next in line comes Africa and North America. The main competitors are the Far Eastern Countries. Since today most countries tend to be self sufficient and hence their requirements are marginal, our main target should be the handloom industry which is very innovative, highly competitive and caters to specialized demands. Textiles rank as the 4th largest among Indian exports, tea, jute and engineering goods holding first three places. 15 percent of India's total export revenue, constituting Rs. 600 crores, is derived from the textile industry.

Regarding the obvious question on the success of the two exhibitions, there were mixed reactions on the issue. Despite the fact that India was seriously exploring the Canadian market for the first time and had succeeded in creating an impact here and establishing contacts, there were many who were rather skeptical on the full degree of its success. The show obviously was ill-timed. September/October would have been a more ideal time to capture the market for this summer's supply of fabrics and garments. Also, the weather in Toronto was most uncooperative for the duration of the show. However, it is encouraging to note that orders worth Rs. two and a half crores have already been booked. With negotiations still continuing and the possibility of repeat orders, all efforts certainly seem to have been worthwhile. Dr. Brij Bhushan suggested that a similar exposition should be held annually to maintain continuing contact with Canadian buyers and to expose them to the latest fashion trends in Indian textiles and readymade apparel.

Letters to fuel racist fires

Racism is being fuelled by letters mailed to Toronto residents advising them that they have been selected to be hosts to Pakistani family groups in their homes, Nicholas Leluk (PC, York West) said recently.

"We have had enough of these Newfie jokes, Polack jokes and Paki jokes. This is something we should look at very seriously."

The letters, bearing official-looking red seals, have been sent out in Toronto and Ottawa under the name of the Canadian Society of Commonwealth Relations, said to be a non-existent organization.

Those responsible for the letters are sick, Mr. Leluk said, claiming some persons were taking them seriously and that he could not dismiss it as a prank.

"I find the intent of the whole letter racist and a slur on the good character of the Pakistani community in Ontario," he told a Queen's Park news conference.

"Those who would circulate this type of letter only breed futher misunderstanding and mistrust among people of all backgounds which make up Ontario's society."

The letters advise recipients that they have been assigned a typical family group from Pakistan for a few months- father, mother, five children, wife's brother, husband's grandmother and her sister.

"Within the next seven days we shall be able to inform you of the arrival date, routing and names of your selected family. We shall include some recipes from Pakistan so you may prepare their favorite dishes," the letters state. "As not to inconvenience you, we shall provide adequate supplies of curry, rice, chicken and powdered goat's milk. No doubt you will wish to meet them at the airport, we suggest you rent a minibus."

Mr. Leluk said the Labor Ministry will have the Ontario Human Rights Commission try to find those responsible for the letters.

The Toronto letters bear an indecipherable signature and a non-existent Jarvis Street address. (The Globe and Mail)

Curb on high courts

New Delhi, March 12 (UNI): Law Minister H.R. Gokhale has expressed his personal view that the power of the courts to decide the ultra vires of legislative enactments in terms of the provisions of the constitution should be taken away.

In an informal talk with newsmen, Mr. Gokhale said he favoured the setting up of a Parliamentary committee as in France to decide whether a particular enactment transgressed the constitutional provisions.

INDO-U.S. MEET

New Delhi, March 14(UNI): The consensus among the Indian exporters and the U.S. buyers who participated in the Buyers-Sellers meet organised by the trade development authority at New York and Dallas recently was for making the meet an annual feature.

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Makes funds available for the development and production of teaching materials for language classes.

Multiculturalism Centres Program
Assists voluntary groups to organize multicultural centres in local communities.

Immigrant Integration Program
Assists various groups in helping immigrants to participate more fully in Canadian society.

Projects Grants Program
Makes funds available to voluntary groups in support of a broad spectrum of multicultural activities.

IN THE NATIONAL FILM BOARD
As part of its contribution to the Multiculturalism Program the National Film Board has produced over 400 of its films in 19 different languages. These may be obtained free of charge from National Film Board offices in the following cities: Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Halifax.

IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MAN
The National Museum of Man in Ottawa documents the history of all Canadian ethno-cultural traditions. The museum has accumulated a vast number of artifacts, tape recordings, video tapes and films. Special attention is being placed on such elements as folk architecture, home furnishings, pre-industrial techniques of food production and handicrafts, traditional story-telling, family and community life, feasts and rites. Cultural exhibits and travelling displays are also being prepared.

IN THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES
The National Ethnic Archives program is designed to find and protect ethno-cultural records from loss, damage or deterioration. A staff of area specialists has begun collating records of this rich and important aspect of our heritage through contacts with ethno-cultural organizations, associations, and individuals.

IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY
The National Library has organized a Multilingual Biblio-service. Its aim is to acquire books in non-official languages spoken in Canada and make them available through public libraries, expanding the extant non-official language book collections in most libraries. The first shipment of books in ten languages left Ottawa in March 1975. It is planned to add five new languages annually to a total of 70 languages.

To present your views, or to receive further information, write to:

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Experience India at Toronto

Manjula Parakot

Two years after the Toronto Harbour front social and cultural activities have been in full swing, this year, the Indian community will make its debut under the sponsorship of the Indian Government Tourist Office, from April 1 to 4, 1976. This ambitious venture will be undertaken under the guidance of Mrs. L. Nathan, Director of the Tourist Office, at the York Street quay.

The entire program is designed to afford Canadians the opportunity to experience India and for the Indian community to demonstrate its talents and rich cultural heritage. On April 1st there will be arrangements made for the press to meet, followed by special slide presentations on Tourism in India.

April 2nd, will be devoted to Folk Dances. There will be a dance workshop explaining the beauty and joy experienced from Indian folk dances. Without doubt, the Bhangra dance from Punjab performed with rustic gusto heads the list. The fact the "Baishakh" or the Indian New Year follows shortly after on April 13/14 has great significance here.

April 3rd is specially designated as "Bharatiya Nari Din" or Indian Women's Day. A design workshop will help highlight the tremendous emphasis placed in India on beautiful artistry and design in everyday life and the role of the Indian woman in this sphere. Ladies from Toronto and the vicinity are cordially invited to participate in a "rangoli" competion. This includes "alpana" from Bengal, "kolam" from the South and "Onam floral displays" from Kerala. Mrs. Nathan could be contacted for details at 362-3188 in Toronto.

Simultaneously there will be exhibits of Indian fabrics, handicrafts and traditional costumes (volunteers with a flair for modeling are invited to participate). Indian art and paintings, pahadi miniatures, pieces of sculpture ranging from the temples of Orissa and South India to quaint figurines from Indian mythology, should lend wide variety and be of interest to viewers.

On the concluding day, via a mixed media of films, slides, competent musicians and skilled dancers, other aspects of India's artistic heritage and colourful traditions will continue to be projected. A special children's story-telling and mime program has been arranged and it is hoped that youngsters of all ages will participate. For grownups, there will be a simple cookery demonstration (one that can be practised at home with ease by Canadians), bhajans, kirtans and possibly yoga demonstrations.

Experience India is an undertaking of the Indian community as a united whole and not a few dedicated individuals alone. Its success or failure depends to a large extent on the Indian populace who I am confident will join hands in this maiden venture at the Toronto Harbourfront, determined to make it a grand success - a project that will enhance the image of our community for years to come. This has special significance in view of the recent discomfitures experienced by us.

AIA and ILA to unite

by June Tweddle

The Association of Indians in America and the India League of America have announced that they would like to join together to combine their efforts to serve the needs of Indian immigrants as one.

A cooperation committee has been formed by the 2 presidents M. Dutta of AIA and C.K. Jha of ILA. To represent the AIA will be co-chairman T.K. Sen, R.L. Chaddha, D.G. Lanjewar, A.P. Gupta, and G.S. Sachidanandan. ILA will be represented by co-chairman Fazlur Khan, S.Sunder, S.N. Sinha, N.M. Parikh and K. Bhote. They will meet in New York first and then attend another meeting in Chicago.

Dutta and Jha decided to combine as one organization because the goals and programs of the two are related, and it is felt that the emerging needs of the Indian people could best be served by one large organization.

When they join together, they will form the largest organization of Indians in the U.S.

The opening ceremony will take place on 29thMarch.

Quantum expands

Dr. R. Adhav, founder president of Quantum Technology Ltd. since 1969, has announced the opening of a branch plant in the New York State at Grand Island near Buffalo. The company is manufacturing electro-optical crystals for laser technology and is exporting these crystals devices to technologically developed countries in Europe and Japan.

Asian studies group meet

The Association for Asian Studies is meeting in Toronto's Royal York Hotel from March 19 to 21. Among the numerous sessions are the following: Architecture as social history for Muslim India, Psychoanalyis and Indian culture, Indian poetry and the new rhetoric, Political economy of the Indian crisis, Indian classical theatre, Asia's nuclear future, court theory and social fact: Indian adaptations to British justice, Kingship and the social order in South India.

Among the participants in the meeting are: C. P. Agrawal, M. Ahluwalia, A. Appadurai, R. V. Bakshi, L. C. Bhandari, A. Bharati, A. Kapur, M. I. Khan, A. K. Ramanujan, R. Rustomji, K. B. Syeed, and P. K. Tripathi.

Meetings held in conjunction with the program include, American Institute of Indian Studies, North Indian Studies Association, Indo-U. S. Commission on Education and culture and Maharashtra Studies Group.

The Association for Asian Studies Incorporated is located at Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Association seems to be dominated by American specialists on Asia. However, there are many Chinese and Japanese academics among the directors of the board, but no Indians.

BOMBAY HIGH TO START PRODUCTION

New Delhi, Mar 16(UNI): Commercial production of oil from the Bombay High off-shore wells will commence from next month, it was officially announced here.

In preparation for the commencement of commercial production, the drilling ship, "Sagar Samrat," has already drilled four development wells. It is proposed to drill 11 directional development wells by the end of this year.

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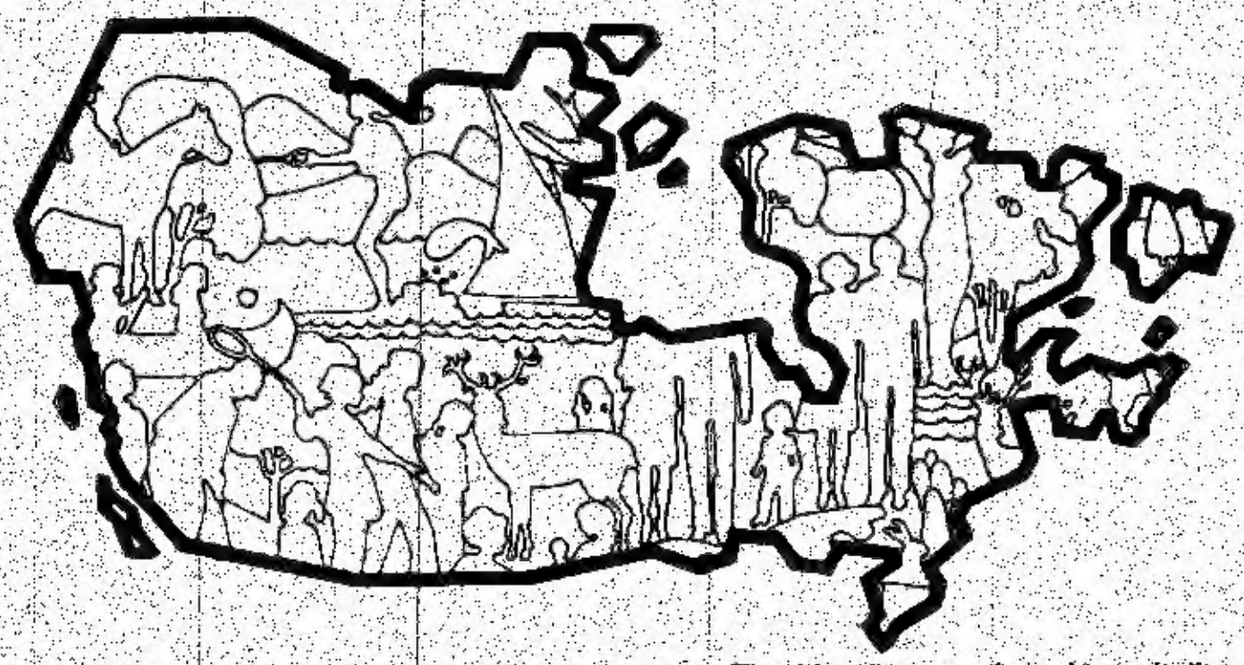

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Kitchen Korner

By Pranati Sengupta

How to keep the food budget in line and still provide a balanced diet is an overwhelming problem. Since rising food costs are the topic of discussion now-a-days, we must not overlook different kinds of foods during planning meals. We can juggle and interchange foods to cut the cost per serving. it is so easy if more Canadians eat Indian foods from time to time. Are you planning a party for your Easter holiday? Why not try our Chicken Fried Rice with Shrimp Vegetable? They are good and inexpensive.

Meat is easy to serve but expensive too. Most of our recipes are for the stretching meat or poultry. Our spices are so versatile that with a care in preparation and good combination of vegetables, nuts, small amount of meat or poultry the actual dish can become more elegant than just a meat dish. Poultry actually contains more protein per pound than beef. One pound of edible sirloin contains 78.5 grams of protein while one pound of either chicken or turkey contains 91.6 grams. So with today's prices at the meat counters poultry or fish offers the best nutritional and dollar value. Indians know how to cook fish really well. So start today. You can really experiment with all your zeal and enthusiasm, and be confident of success.

CHICKEN FRIED RICE

1½ cups regular long-grain rice (cooked, cooled and chilled well)
½ cup oil or ghee
½ cup of each chopped onion, grated carrot, sliced mushrooms, chopped fresh green beans, and green onion
1 large chicken breast, skinned and boned
2 tsp. of each salt and curry powder or to taste
2 green chilies (optional)
1 tsp. finely chopped ginger root.

Wash rice under cold running water until water is clear. Put in heavy saucepan. Add 3 cups water. Bring to a boil. Stir and cook over medium high heat, uncovered, until water is almost absorbed. Cover and turn heat to lowest point. Let steam 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat and leave standing, covered, 6 minutes. Uncover and fluff the rice with a fork. Chill.

With scissors or sharp knife, cut meat in thin strips. Sprinkle in little salt and curry powder, mix well. Heat oil in a large heavy skillet or Dutch-oven. Add chicken in hot oil and stir until lightly browned. Lift meat with a slotted spoon. Add chopped onion, cook until lightly browned. Add vegetables one at a time, stirring constantly, 30 seconds in between. Fry vegetables over high heat, until almost done, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stirring add curry powder, chilies, ginger and salt. Add rice and stir until rice is hot and coated with the vegetable mixture. Return meat to pan and sprinkle chopped green onions. Stir Quickly to heat through. Serve immediately with Shrimp Vegetable.

High Commissioner Criticized

Dr. Subramanian Swamy, who went underground following Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's suspension of civil liberties last year, said in an interview that High Commissioner Uma Shankar Bajpai has overstepped his bounds in his defence of Mrs. Gandhi.

"He (Bajpai) has alleged that we are the forces of chaos and of anarchy, that we are against Moslems and Christians and anything else he could think of," said Swamy, who was here to meet with the Canadian East Indian Association of B.C.

"I realize it is his duty to tell Canadians that Mrs. Gandhi's Government is acting legally and constitutionally and that India is still a democracy."

"But if he is going to be the tool of a single political party and to say nasty things about the other parties, then he should resign his post."

Swamy, 36, a member of the central committee of a coalition representing four main opposition parties, said Bajpai made his remarks in a CBC interview and on other occasions to members of the Indian community in Canada.

"Remeber, he is talking about opposition parties that form a state government in India and could form the next central government.

Swamy, an economist who once taught at Harvard University, has been on the run since last July when the authorities tried to arrest him on an open warrant.

He is a member of the Jana Sangh party, which he described as a "liberal, middle-of-the-road party" with 10 million members - 80,000 of whom are now in prison.

Swamy said the underground was able to operate fairly freely because lower levels of police officers were obstructing the work of their superiors.

Swamy said Mrs. Gandhi's "coup d'etat" has muzzled the press, stripped the courts of their powers, further impoverished the poor and silenced most opposition politicians.

Swamy, who is on a North American tour to meet with select groups of Indians, said he expected to return home surreptitiously in about a month to help plan a mobilization of a million people this spring in the Indian capital. (The Vancouver Sun).

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CANADIAN TEACHES IN HIMALAYA

by Jane Tweddle

David Russell, a Canadian from Halifax now in India is a convert to Hinduism. He even wears a tilak(sacred vermilion mark) on his forehead. He turned toward Hinduism because he feels it is the most relaxed of religions.

Mr. Russell is unique as he is the first Canadian teaching English to the peasant children of Darjeeling in the Himalaya Mountains.

He taught English in Malaysia and Sri Lanka for 18 months and decided to move to Darjeeling when he discovered from a taxi driver that the people of Darjeeling were poor but desired to learn English.

Russell made arrangements so that school will provide him with accomodation, food and $100.00 per month. The Indian government has also permitted Mr. Russell to stay in Darjeeling for three years

Second nuclear blast?

Washington, March 10 — Senator Charles Percy of Illinois yesterday reported rumors that India was preparing to carry out a second peaceful nuclear explosion.

Senator Percy mentioned the rumors, about which he gave no further details, in asking Mr. Kissinger at a Senate hearing why the United States continued to supply nuclear fuel to India following its first explosive test in May, 1974.

Mr. Kissinger said the U.S. fuel did not contribute to India's capacity to make explosives. But he added:

"We believe the continuation of nuclear explosions (by India) would have a reckless quality which would undermine regional stability."

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Match for Jat Sikh, clean shaven, 27, 5'8", factory worker, well settled in Canada, Toronto area. Write full details with telephone and address to The Canadian India Times, Box 1019.

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SATI IN REVERSE

Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh, March 13 (UNI): A case of sati in reverse has been reported from a village in Bilaspur district.

Budhu Ram, unable to bear the sorrow of his wife's death, is said to have doused himself with kerosene oil and jumped onto the burning pyre.

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